

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: 11 April 2016

Reported by: Scott Brumbaugh

- Meeting called to order by Vierck at 1905
- Attendance:
 - Bob Vierck
 - Paula Sowers
 - Mark Pencak
 - Jim George
 - Dave Dudukovich
 - Rick Van Horn
 - Scott Brumbaugh
 - Mario Carrello
 - Judi Sittler
 - Jim Lanning
 - Guests
 - Bill Brusse
 - Tammy Miller
- Review of Secretary's Minutes
 - Amendments: Approved without amendments
 - Motion to Approve: Van Horn
 - Second: Sowers
- Review of Treasurer's Report
 - Amendments: NONE
 - Motion to Approve: Sittler
 - Second: Dudukovich
- Old Business
 - Action Item Review:
 - Carrello will investigate alternative options for the 9 month CD.
 - Carrello researched CD interest rates. First National Bank had the best rates.
 - CD term lengths were discussed.
 - BB&T has money market account for 0.8%, but high checking account fees. Carrello will research this.
 - Vierck, Carrello, and Pencak will meet with Centre Foundation to discuss the endowment reporting.
 - Not completed / on-going.
 - Carrello or Vierck will obtain 3X more credit card "Squares".
 - Done.

- Brumbaugh will write a letter to PFBC regarding opposition to stocking Saucon Creek.
 - A letter was written to PFBC and to the City of Bethlehem.
 - This is an on-going issue.
 - Jim George will get a guide to write a fly tying article.
 - George was able to convince Fly Fisher's Paradise to let us use fly recipes from their website.
 - Dudukovich will write a fly tying article.
 - Not completed / on-going.
 - Carrello was able to convince First National Bank to send an independent statement copy directly in the mail to Sittler. So, the bank statements will now be sent direct to Sittler, without requiring Carrello to make screen shots. We are still not able to get the credit card to send a direct statement to Sittler. Carrello will continue to work on the credit card mailing.
 - Women's Initiative (Sittler)
 - Sittler reports that Central PA Women Anglers voted to join SCCTU.
 - Sowers made a motion to accept the Women Anglers bid to join SCCTU.
 - Second = Lanning
 - The motion passed.
 - The Central PA Women Anglers brings a member list of 51 members and \$696.42 in cash.
 - The group wishes to be called 'Women Anglers'.
- New Business
 - Banquet (Dudukovich)
 - As of right now, we have 95 registered attendees
 - We have \$4445 in cash donations so far
 - We obtained a lot of donated prizes this year. We plan to hold some of the prizes back.
 - If a prize does not obtain a minimum bid, we will just keep it for next year.
 - Silent Auction items will have a 'buy it now' option.
 - The Trout in the Classroom (TIC) will be this year's bid for a cause. A teacher from a local school will give a short presentation.
 - Tammy made some suggestions regarding the order of the live auction.
 - Minimum bid requirements were assigned to each live auction item. If the minimum bid is not attained, the item will not sell.
 - Sowers requested that Tammy send back auction information ASAP
 - Send the bidder / sale information for the first 5 live auction items
 - Send the Bid for a Cause information ASAP (in waves if necessary)
 - Then send the last 5 bidder / sale information for the auction items
 - Dudukovich recommended to Brusse that we need to get the names of the winners of the guided fishing trips so that we can supply the names to the guides.
 - Schedule

- 1730 = Registration Opens
- 1900 = Welcome & Dinner
- 2000 = Silent Auction Closes
- 2000 = 10 bucket raffles → Address from President Vierck + Awards → 10 bucket raffles
- 2015 = 5X live Auction → Bid for a Cause → 5X Live Auction
- 2100 = 10X bucket raffles → Premium Raffle
- 2115 = Closing remarks
- Carrello will obtain / bring \$475 in cash to the banquet for change
- Banquet responsibilities
 - Greeters at the front door: None due to lack of room
 - Ernie and Zack (VSP participants) will register incoming attendees bidder numbers
 - Cash box + raffle tickets = Mark + Karen Pencak
 - Upstairs credit card machine = Jim and Cheryl George
 - Downstairs credit card machine = Carrello
 - Premium raffle tickets + t-shirts = Carrello + Brumbaugh + Mitchell + Zweig (some cash will be present downstairs)
 - Silent Auction runners = Brumbaugh + Van Horn
- Setup will be 10 AM at Mountain View
- Gordon Kissinger Meadow is about to be taken over by College Township. UAJA pumps their beneficial water up to this area.
 - The Meadow is in need of a comprehensive plan to plant trees, stabilize the bank, and generally conserve the area.
 - Sittler will meet the 'Parks Committee' and offer that SCCTU can pursue grant money to help fund a professional evaluation of the meadow.
- Veteran's Service Program (Lanning)
 - 39 people showed up to last week's VSP program
 - Project Healing Water's (PHW) came to visit the VSP program to recruit people to come to a PHW event. Unfortunately, they were not able to recruit anybody.
 - 'Grandpa Houck' donated 10K flies to VSP.
 - The brush cutter was repaired and returned to SCCTU.
 - A riding mower was donated, but requires some maintenance.
 - An article about SCCTU VSP was in the TU Trout magazine.
- Strategic Plan (Sowers)
 - The Constant Contact mailings will be tailored to the audience (member vs. non-member, etc) in the future.
 - The survey is done, and will be sent out in the next 2 weeks.
 - June 4th will be the strategic planning session.
- Social Committee (Pencak):
 - May meeting presentation will be Greg Hoover.

- June will be the Get Outdoors Picnic.
 - The picnic is June 12.
 - Sittler wrote a grant request for \$200. We are waiting to see if win the grant.
 - Sittler was able to secure \$100 from Harris Township.
 - The refund from Tussey Mountain was received.
 - Otto's will supply hot dogs and buns.
 - The rest of the picnic costs should be able to be covered by the general membership meeting costs.
 - Conservation (Vierck)
 - Site stewardship contract with PFBC is currently 'dead'.
 - McCoy work is tomorrow (4/12/16).
 - Vierck is discussing future projects with US Fish & Wildlife for 2017 – 2020.
 - Duck Pond Landscaping: The project went well. PSU attended the project, and inquired if SCCTU could help on some future projects. Vierck is optimistic the dyke has the potential to be fixed in the next year.
 - Benner Township is starting construction on their walking trail between Rock Rd and Shiloh Rd.
 - Legislation and Permitting
 - SCCTU sent a letter of support for HQ-CWF upgrades to the PADEP EQB.
 - Youth and Education (Sittler)
 - The PSU Earth Day event was moved to this Saturday (4/16/16).
 - Spring Creek Clean-Up Day
 - Stream clean-up will occur 4/23/16 at McCoy and Rock Rd.
 - Sittler and Al Phillips will do a clean-up near the South Atherton St. Sheetz on Slab Cabin Run.
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by Vierck at 1913
 - Motion: Lanning
 - Second: Van Horn
- Action Items:
 - Carrello will research the BB&T money market account, and compare to the First National CD rates. He will send a recommendation to the BOD.
 - Vierck, Carrello, and Pencak will meet with Centre Foundation to discuss the endowment reporting (carry-over).
 - Dudukovich will write a fly tying article (carry-over).